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1 DEFINING SURFACES PARAMETRICALLY

1.1 Plane Passing Through Three Defined Points

To define the plane parametrically, we can use the following formula: $P = P1 + u(P2 - P1) + v(P3 - P1)$

Therefore, with the 3 points $(N, M, 0)$, $(0, M, N)$, $(N, 0, M)$, we get:

$$x(u, v) = N - Nu = 8 - 8u$$

$$y(u, v) = M + Mv = 10 + 10v$$

$$z(u, v) = Nu + Mv = 8u + 10v$$

$$u, v \in [0, 1]$$

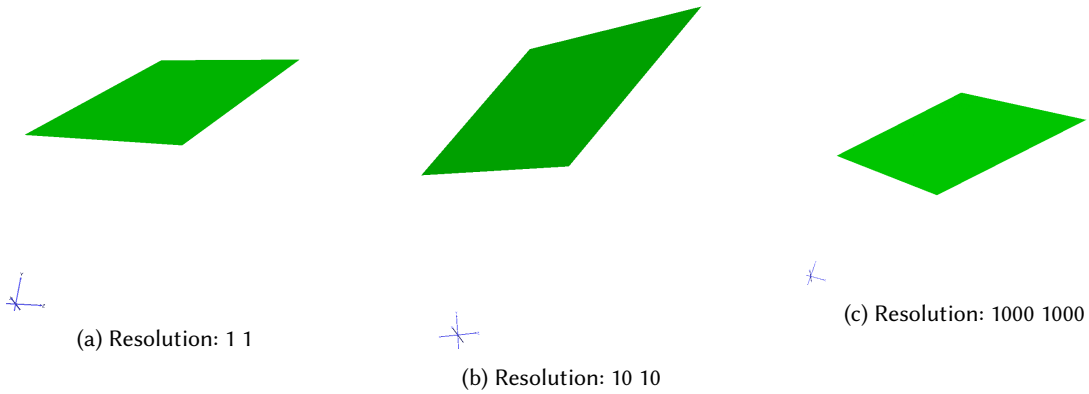


Fig. 1. Plots of the plane defined in "1a.wrl" with differing resolutions

As seen in Fig. 1 above, a sampling resolution of **1** for both u and v is sufficient for drawing the plane as it has no curvature and having a higher resolution would produce the exact same drawing.

1.2 Triangular Polygon with Three Defined Vertices

To define the Triangular Polygon, we use the formula for defining Bilinear Surface Parametrically, and we set two of the points to be the same point, essentially resulting in a Triangular polygon.

$$P = P1 + u(P2 - P1) + v(P3 - P1 + u(P4 - P3 - (P2 - P1)))$$

Let $P4 = P3$, we get:

$$P = P1 + u(P2 - P1) + v(P3 - P1) + uv(P1 - P2)$$

Therefore, with the 3 points $(N, M, 0)$, $(0, M, N)$, $(N, 0, M)$, we get:

$$x(u, v) = N - Nu + Nu v = 8 - 8u + 8uv$$

$$y(u, v) = M - Mv = 10 - 10v$$

$$z(u, v) = Nu + Mv - Nu v = 8u + 10v - 8uv$$

$$u, v \in [0, 1]$$

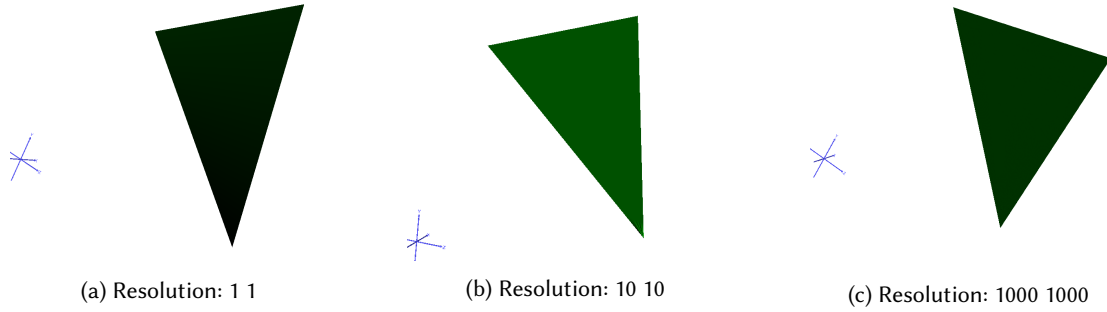


Fig. 2. Plots of the Triangular Polygon defined in "**1b.wrl**" with differing resolutions

As seen in Fig. 2 above, a sampling resolution of **1** for both u and v is sufficient for drawing the triangular polygon as it has no curvature and having a higher resolution would produce the exact same drawing.

1.3 Origin-Centered Ellipsoid with Defined Semi-axes

An ellipsoid can be parametrically defined using the following functions:

$$x = a \cos(u) \sin(v)$$

$$y = b \sin(u)$$

$$z = c \cos(u) \cos(v)$$

Where $u \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ and $v \in [-\pi, \pi]$. Therefore, we can get:

$$x = N \cos(-\pi/2 + \pi u) \sin(-\pi + 2\pi v) = 8 \cos(-\pi/2 + \pi u) \sin(-\pi + 2\pi v)$$

$$y = M \sin(-\pi/2 + \pi u) = 10 \sin(-\pi/2 + \pi u)$$

$$z = (N + M/2) \cos(-\pi/2 + \pi u) \cos(-\pi + 2\pi v) = 9 \cos(-\pi/2 + \pi u) \cos(-\pi + 2\pi v)$$

$$u, v \in [0, 1]$$

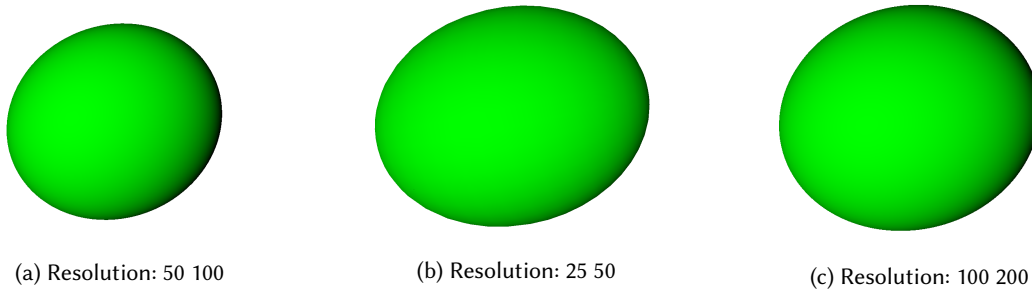


Fig. 3. Plots of the Ellipsoid defined in "**1c.wrl**" with differing resolutions

The sampling resolution for v is chosen to be 2 times larger than that of u as the coefficient of v is 2 times larger. As seen in Fig. 3 above, the best resolution obtained was **50, 100** for u and v respectively. By decreasing the resolution to 25 and 50, the interpolations could be seen on the curvature when zoomed in. When the resolution was increased instead to 100 and 200, no visible difference could be seen.

1.4 Cylindrical Surface with Defined Radius

To define a cylindrical surface parametrically, we can define it by first defining a circular curve, followed by performing translational sweeping along the Z-axis to obtain the cylindrical surface.

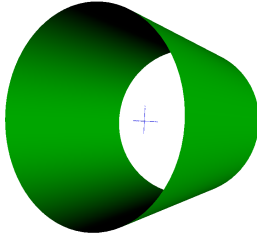
Therefore we can obtain the following equations and surface:

$$x = N\cos(2\pi u) = 8\cos(2\pi u)$$

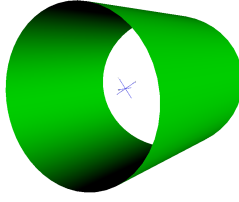
$$y = N\sin(2\pi u) = 8\sin(2\pi u)$$

$$z = -N + (M + N)v = -8 + 18v$$

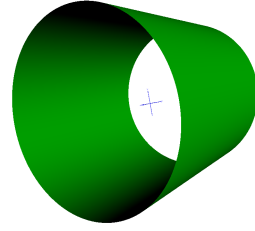
$$u, v \in [0, 1]$$



(a) Resolution: 75 1



(b) Resolution: 50 1



(c) Resolution: 200 1

Fig. 4. Plots of the Cylindrical Surface defined in "1d.wrl" with differing resolutions

The sampling resolution for v is chosen to be 1 as the parameter is responsible for the straight line sweep. As seen in Fig. 4 above, the best resolution obtained was **75, 1** for u and v respectively. By decreasing the resolution to 50 for u , the interpolations could be seen on the curvature when zoomed in. When the resolution of u was increased instead to 200, no visible difference could be seen between that and when the resolution was 75.

2 DEFINING SURFACE BY TRANSLATIONAL SWEEPING OF CURVE

We obtain the equations of the curve from lab 1:

$$x(u) = -10.4 + 26.4 * u$$

$$y(u) = \tanh(-10.4 + 26.4 * u)$$

$$u \in [0, 1]$$

To obtain a surface by translational sweeping of the curve, we can introduce the v parameter in the function of Z . Therefore, we get:

$$x(u, v) = -10.4 + 26.4 * u$$

$$y(u, v) = \tanh(-10.4 + 26.4 * u)$$

$$z(u, v) = -N + (N + M)v = -8 + 18v$$

$$u, v \in [0, 1]$$

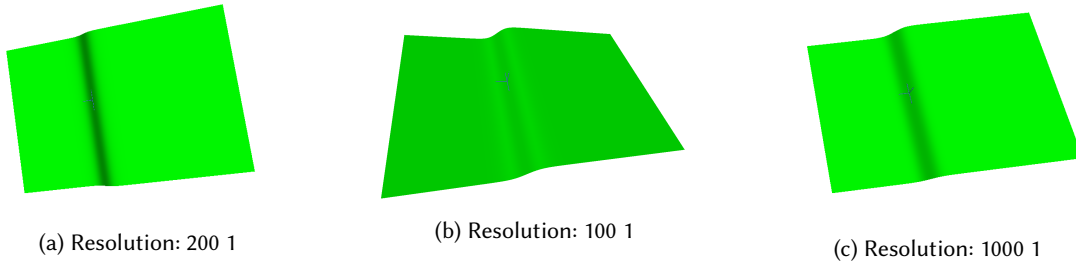


Fig. 5. Plots of the Surface defined in "2.wrl" with differing resolutions

Similar to the surface defined in section 1.4, the sampling resolution for v is chosen to be 1 as the parameter is responsible for the straight line sweep. As seen in Fig. 5 above, the best resolution obtained was **200, 1** for u and v respectively. By decreasing the resolution to 100 for u , the interpolations could be seen on the curvature when zoomed in. When the resolution of u was increased instead to 1000, no visible difference could be seen between that and when the resolution was 200.

3 DEFINING SURFACE BY ROTATIONAL SWEEPING OF CURVE

We obtain the equations of the curve in lab 1:

$$\begin{aligned} x(u) &= (8 - 15\cos(2\pi u))\cos(2\pi u) \\ y(u) &= (8 - 15\cos(2\pi u))\sin(2\pi u) \\ u &\in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

After translating by $-N$ in the Z axis, then with clockwise rotational sweeping of π/N performed with an offset angle of $+\frac{3\pi}{2M}$, where $N = 8$ and $M = 10$, we get the following functions and surface:

$$\begin{aligned} x(u, v) &= ((8 - 15\cos(2\pi u))\cos(2\pi u) - 8)\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{20} - \frac{\pi}{8}v\right) \\ y(u, v) &= (8 - 15\cos(2\pi u))\sin(2\pi u) \\ z(u, v) &= ((8 - 15\cos(2\pi u))\cos(2\pi u) - 8)\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{20} - \frac{\pi}{8}v\right) \\ u, v &\in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

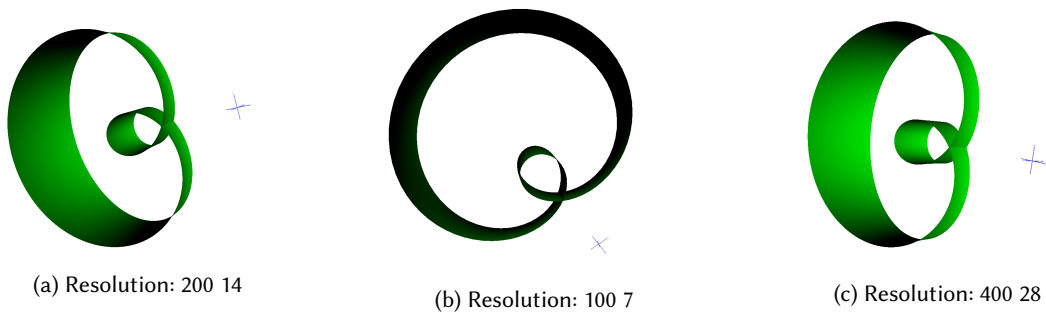


Fig. 6. Plots of the Surface defined in "3.wrl" with differing resolutions

The sampling resolution for v is chosen to be approximately 16 times smaller than that of u as the coefficient of v is 16 times smaller. As seen in Fig. 6 above, the best resolution obtained was **200, 14** for u and v respectively. By decreasing the resolution to 100 and 7, the interpolations could be seen on the curvature when zoomed in. When the resolution was increased instead to 400 and 28, no visible difference could be seen when compared to the shape defined with the resolutions 200 and 14.